

# SOCIETY

# INTERESTED IN APRIL WEDDINGS



*Miss Fonrose Wainright  
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Among the Notable Marriage Ceremonies Which Are On the Social Schedule for the Days at Hand Are the Renshaw-Gilbert, Potter-Douglas, Benziger-Brown, Riggs-Coudert and Rogers-Pell

## Weddings—Other Affairs That Will Attract Society.

Many weddings of note are scheduled for the next few weeks, and the brides will hold the centre of the stage throughout the month of April. Dances and charitable entertainments also will come in for a fair share of attention, and several affairs of interest have been arranged for the remaining days of the month.

Mrs. David S. Cowles, of Longmeadow, Rye, N. Y., announced last week the engagement of her daughter, Miss Elsie Parsons Cowles, to William Montgomery Lester, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Lester, of The Cedars, Rye. Miss Cowles is a sister of Edward Boles Cowles, who married Miss Vera Elliott, daughter of Sir Arthur and Lady Elliott, of St. Albans, Buckinghamshire, England.

Another interesting engagement announced last week was that of Miss Rosamond Burr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Burr, to Albert B. Kerr, a son of the late Senator Kerr, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Kerr was graduated from Yale in 1897, and is a member of Squadron A and the University and Rockaway Yacht clubs. No date has been set for the wedding.

Of interest to society in New York and Newport will be the wedding to-morrow in Denver of Miss Helen Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Brown, of Denver and Newport, and George J. Benziger, of this city. Mr. Brown's wedding gift to his daughter will be a house in New York, where the couple will reside after their return from Europe, where they will spend a part of their honeymoon. Miss Brown has taken a villa in Bellevue avenue, Newport, for the summer.

The marriage of Mrs. Graham E. Babcock to William H. Downey, of Brockville, Ontario, Can., will take place on Wednesday, at Cool Stream Farm, the estate of Mrs. Babcock, in Tenafly, N. J. Only relatives and intimate friends have been invited to witness the ceremony. Mrs. Babcock is the daughter of the late George S. Myers, and is said to be one of the richest women in the world. Mrs. Herbert Copple is one of her sisters.

Miss Rosemary S. Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ward Ford, of Morristown, N. J., will be married to Arcklay King, son of Frederick Gore King, of Garrison, N. Y., at noon next Saturday, at the home of her parents. Mrs. Harry K. Knapp, Jr., will be maid of honor; Mrs. Emily Ford, maid of honor, and for her bridesmaids Miss Ford has selected Miss Anne Nelson, of Boston; Misses Isabel Hoyt, Frances Burr and Elizabeth Sloan Drye, of this city. Archibald Gracie King will be his brother's best man, and Eric Osborn, Charles de Rham, Henry Stockley, Galatin Peet, Clarence Crimmins and Henry W. Ford, Jr., will be ushers. Miss Ford will give a dinner at her home for the bridal party on Friday night.

Miss Lilla B. Gilbert will be attended by her sisters, Miss Florence Gilbert and Miss Elizabeth Gilbert, at her marriage to Howard Price Renshaw, on Tuesday, April 15, at the home of her mother, Mrs. H. Bramhall Gilbert, No. 40 West 57th street. Mr. Renshaw has chosen John Paine, of Troy, N. Y., for his best man, and there will be no ushers. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Dr. Huske, of Great Neck, Long Island, where Mrs. Gilbert has a country home, and a large reception will follow.

One of the spring country weddings of interest to society in New York will be that of Miss Grace Douglas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Douglas, of Great Barrington, Mass., to J. Sheldon Potter, of this city, which will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas. Miss Douglas will be attended by her sister, Miss Nan Douglas, and her young nephew, Douglas Kendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Floyd Kendall, of Gramercy Park, who will act as ushers. Mr. P. Potter will act as his brother's best man, and the ushers will



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Brown, Bolivar V. Meade and C. Edgar Boston.

For the benefit of the Act Workers' Club for Women a concert will be given to-morrow afternoon at the residence of Mrs. John Henry Hammond, No. 9 East 91st street. Among the artists who have volunteered their services are Mrs. Henry Ray Dennis, Olilia Ormondo, contralto; Francis Rogers, harpist, and Ernest Schelling, pianist. Among those interested in the concert are Mrs. William B. Osgood Field, Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay, Mrs. Oliver Gould Jennings, Mrs. Reginald de Koven, Mrs. J. Russell Soley, Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, Mrs. J. Everett Macy, Mrs. Cornelius C. Culver, Mrs. Charles H. Dutton, Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, Mrs. H. W. Munroe and Mrs. George C. Rogers on the board of directors of the club are Mrs. George Snell, Mrs. Arthur Murray Sherwood, Mrs. Francis Rogers, Mrs. Stowe Phelps, Miss Helen Sanborn Sergeant, Miss Constance Curtis, Miss Georgina Howland, Miss Louise Verplanck Richards and Miss Grace Schuyler de Luze.

The second of two afternoons of bridge and euchre will be held to-morrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. Herman Ridder, No. 22 West 54th street, in aid of the work of the Committee of Catholic Women in the Children's Court. Among those who are aiding in the work are Mrs. Geraldine Redmond, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Mrs. August Belmont, Mrs. J. Duncan Emmet and Miss Georgine Iselin.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Dorothy Garrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grenville Blakes Garrison, of No. 35 West 57th street, to Charles Walter Vincent Combs, U. S. N., on Saturday, April 26, in the Church of the Heavenly Rest. The ceremony will be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's uncle, Colonel Robert M. Thompson, No. 3 East 60th street. Miss Stella Beecher, of Annapolis, will be the maid of honor, and the bridesmaids will be Miss Estelle Coffin, Miss Helen Baylis, Miss Mignon Toby, Miss Marion Peabody and Mrs. Richard B. T. Kilian, of this city, and Miss Laura Andrews, of Bethel, Conn. Lieutenant William M. McEvitt will act as best man, and the ushers will be Eugene Howard A. Flanagan, Charles M. Cooke, Jr., Loyal Davidson, William A. Ridgway, Robert D.

Cutting, Miss Elizabeth Perkins, William Howland Hart, Thomas W. Sloane, Franklin L. Warren, John S. Wilkins, Alfred W. Martin and Joseph Howland Hunt. The patronesses include Mrs. Payne Whitney, Mrs. William Manning, Mrs. Lindsey Tappin, Mrs. Edward T. H. Talnage, Mrs. J. Rich Steers, Mrs. J. Frederic Tams, Mrs. Cass Gilbert, Mrs. Robert A. Sands, Mrs. Henry Villard, Mrs. William Ross Proctor, Mrs. H. Fairfield Osborn, Mrs. Edward S. Hartness, Mrs. Gherardi Davis, Mrs. Frederick P. Delafield, Mrs. Morris K. Jesup, Mrs. Charles F. Roe, Mrs. Douglas Robinson, Mrs. Irving Brokaw, Mrs. Winthrop Burr, Mrs. S. Stanwood Menken, Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany, Mrs. Prescott Slade, Mrs. Nathaniel B. Potter, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Mrs. G. Maurice Heckscher, Mrs. James B. Duke, Mrs. Arthur Twombly, Mrs. Adrian Larkin, Mrs. Archer M. Huntington and Mrs. James R. Shepherd.

Boxes, tables and tickets may be obtained from Miss M. E. Webb, No. 14 East 55th street. The Shakespearean fete which will be held under the auspices of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the British Empire at the Ritz-Carlton on Tuesday night promises to be one of the most novel entertainments for charity of the season. The proceeds of the fete will be given to the fund for the Home for Aged British Men and Women. One of the many unusual features which are being arranged will be a pageant consisting of the presentation of the characters of the presentment of Shakespearean plays. Following the pageant there will be a ball, and this will be opened with the Henry VIII dance. The executive board of the order includes Mrs. James Bryce, of the British Embassy, who is the honorary president; Mrs. W. Courtney Bennett, of the British Consulate, and Lady Pardon Clarke, the honorary vice-president.

Some of the alumnae of Miss Spence's school have arranged an entertainment to be given on April 16 and 17 in the Aeolian Theatre on the roof of the New Amsterdam Theatre Building for the benefit of a class of tubercular children connected with Bellevue Hospital. In the afternoon there will be a one-act farce, "Shades," in which Miss Priscilla Flagg, Miss Dorothy Darlington, Miss Helen Rich and Miss Jeanette Flagg will appear. In the evening members of the Society of Architects of the Ecole de Beaux-Arts will appear in a burlesque on "Within the Law," called "Without a Flaw," which they gave recently at their annual entertainment. Following this there will be two ballets, "Day" and "Night," in which members of Miss Spence's School Society will dance. Among those who will take part in the dance of "Day" are Misses Caramal Carroll, Gretta Hostetter, Margaret Kane, Helen Rich, Gertrude Mall, Marguerite Walker, Priscilla Flagg, Mar-

guerite Kennedy and Mary Buchanan. In the ballet of "Night" there will be Misses Isabel Foote, Margaret Trevor, Gertrude Hill, Helen Eggleston, Dorothy Taylor, Harriet Lummis and Diana Pitch. The entertainment will close with a dance of "Nymphs and Shepherds" by Mrs. S. Hinman Bird, Mrs. R. D. Bauer, Miss Priscilla Flagg, Miss Marjory Shannon, Miss Dorothy Flagg, Miss Yvette Proctor and Miss Jeanette Flagg. Among the young women who will act as ushers are Mrs. Carl Vietor, Mrs. Douglas L. Elman, Mrs. David Taylor and the Misses Pauline Clarkson, Julia Ealey, Margaret Overton, Elizabeth Sabin, Mabel Brooks, Edith Cook, Julia Hall, Marjorie Cleve land, Viola Fisher and Marjorie Dodd.

Tickets at \$1 each may be obtained from Mrs. Francis Le Baron Robbins, Jr., at No. 2 West 53d street.

Miss Virginia Case and her mother, Mrs. A. G. Case, who spent several weeks in town at the Hotel Gotham, returned a fortnight ago to their home, in Denver. Miss Case's engagement to Raymond Havemeyer was announced last fall.

Miss Fonrose Wainwright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mayhew Wainwright, is one of this season's debutantes. She was introduced to society in December.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Whigham will spend part of the spring at the country place of Mrs. Whigham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair Macdonald, at Roslyn, Long Island.

Miss Frances Wyeth, daughter of Mrs. Grosvenor Wyeth, was introduced to society early in the winter.

Walter H. Page, the new Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, and Miss Ma. Tarbell, president of the Pen and Brush Club, will be guests of honor this afternoon at the club reception at No. 12 East 19th street.

Mrs. Charles G. Ayres, of No. 152 West 57th street, has taken a cottage at Bayhead, N. J., for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish will close their house, in East 55th street, at the end of next month, and will take possession of their country place at Garrison-on-the-Hudson, to remain until July, when they will go to Newport for the summer.

Miss Elsie de Wolfe has left town for Chicago, where she is the guest of Mrs. Frederick Rawson.

Edward F. Darrell, of No. 38 East 57th street, has returned from a three weeks' stay at the Hamilton Hotel, Bermuda.